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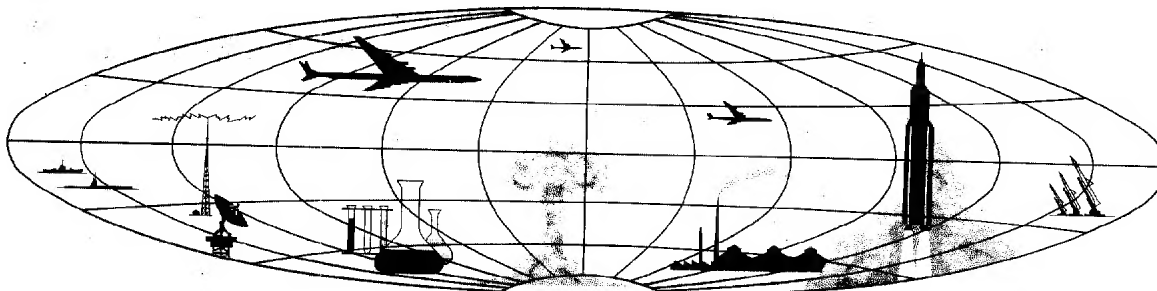
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3502, DATED 20 MARCH 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

MATANZAS SAM SITE 2301N 08129W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

CIENFUEGOS SAM SITE 2202N 08024W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS, A HOLD POSITION (PROBABLY CANVAS-COVERED), AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE 2251N 08005W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS (PROBABLY WITH MISSILES), A CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER, A CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND A CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA.

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SANCTI SPIRITUS SAM SITE 2147N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

LOS ANGELES SAM SITE 2100N 07541W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED  
MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

MANZANILLO SAM SITE 2018N 07706W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 6 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS,  
AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

MANATI SAM SITE 2113N 07702W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 6 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS,  
AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

CHAMBAS SAM SITE 2213N 07853W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

ESMERALDA SAM SITE 2155N 07813W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVIEWED LAUNCHERS, 6 MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM SITE 1959N 07550W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS,  
AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2003N 07553W

TWENTY-SEVEN MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (2 CANVAS-COVERED),  
NUMEROUS MISSILE CANISTERS, AND 37 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1A

CIEGO DE AVILA SAM SITE 2142N 07850W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED  
MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

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CIEGO DE AVILA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2152N 07844W

APPROXIMATELY 50 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

25X1A

VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2104N 07700W

APPROXIMATELY 25 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

MALDONADO SAM SITE 2012N 07528W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 7 MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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CAMAGUEY AIRFIELD SAM SITE 2122N 07750W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, AND A GUIDANCE RADAR.

25X1D

BANES CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2058N 07538W

SITE CONTAINS 2 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS AND 7  
CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES.  
ALTERNATE SITE REMAINS UNOCCUPIED.

25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

AIRCRAFT -- 12 FAGOT/FRESCO AND 2 POSSIBLE  
FAGOT/FRESCO.

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CAMAGUEY INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2125N 07751W

AIRCRAFT -- 2 FAGOT/FRESCO AND 2 LIAISON-TYPE.

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HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE FAGOT/FRESCO.

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ANTONIO MACEO AIRFIELD 1958N 07550W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE HOUND, 4 LIAISON-TYPE, AND  
2 SMALL TWIN-ENGINE AIRCRAFT.

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BAYAMO EAST AIRFIELD 2023N 07638W

AIRCRAFT -- 5 LIAISON-TYPE.

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TRINIDAD AIRFIELD 2147N 07959W

AIRCRAFT -- 2 LIAISON-TYPE AND ONE HOUND.

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-PORTS-

25X1A

BANES PORT 2055N 07542W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

PUNTA ALEGRE PORT 2223N 07847W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

BARACOA PORT 2021N 07430W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

25X1D VESSELS -- 5 LARGE FREIGHTERS (ONE APPEARS TO BE THE  
ONE PC, AND 5 PT.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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MANZANILLO PORT 2021N 07707W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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MOA PORT 2039N 07454W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA PORT 2001N 07550W

VESSELS -- 2 LARGE FREIGHTERS.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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NUEVITAS PORT 2132N 07716W

VESSELS -- 3 FREIGHTERS (ONE KRASNOGRAD-TYPE WITH 4  
HATCHES OPEN, BOOMS ACTIVE).  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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LA ISABELA PORT 2256N 08001W

VESSELS -- ONE LGOV-TYPE (5 HATCHES OPEN, BOOMS  
ACTIVE).  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN  
CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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CASILDA PORT 2145N 07959W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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JUCARO PORT 2137N 07851W

VESSELS -- 2 FREIGHTERS ANCHORED OFF PORT (ONE  
ATKARSK-TYPE WITH 3 BARGES ALONGSIDE).  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

VESSELS -- 5 FREIGHTERS (THE KRASNOGRAD-CLASS  
FREIGHTER WAS NOT OBSERVED).  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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PUERTO PADRE PORT 2113N 07632W

VESSELS -- ONE TANKER AT CAYO JUAN CLARO PIER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

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GUANTANAMO AREA 1 2005N 07523W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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MANZANILLO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2017N 07706W

CAMP CONTAINS 12 PROBABLE TANKS, 7 PROBABLE SP GUNS,  
10 FA PIECES, AND 12 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.

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HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W

CAMP CONTAINS 63 LARGE, 30 MEDIUM, AND 78 SMALL TENTS,  
40 TANKS/SP GUNS (20 CANVAS-COVERED), 5 UNIDENTIFIED  
TRACKED VEHICLES, 9 PROBABLE SNAPPERS, 22 FA PIECES,  
187 CARGO TRUCKS, 24 UTILITY TRUCKS, 12 VAN TRUCKS,  
10 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, 42 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES,  
13 CARGO TRAILERS.  
THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED.

25X1D

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CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP 1 2121N 07751W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN VEHICLE COUNT OR FACILITIES.

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CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2126N 07753W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
THIRTEEN UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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EL CRISTO, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2007N 07546W

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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LOMAS DE CRISTO, MILITARY AREA 2006N 07546W

SEE EL CRISTO, MILITARY INSTALLATION.

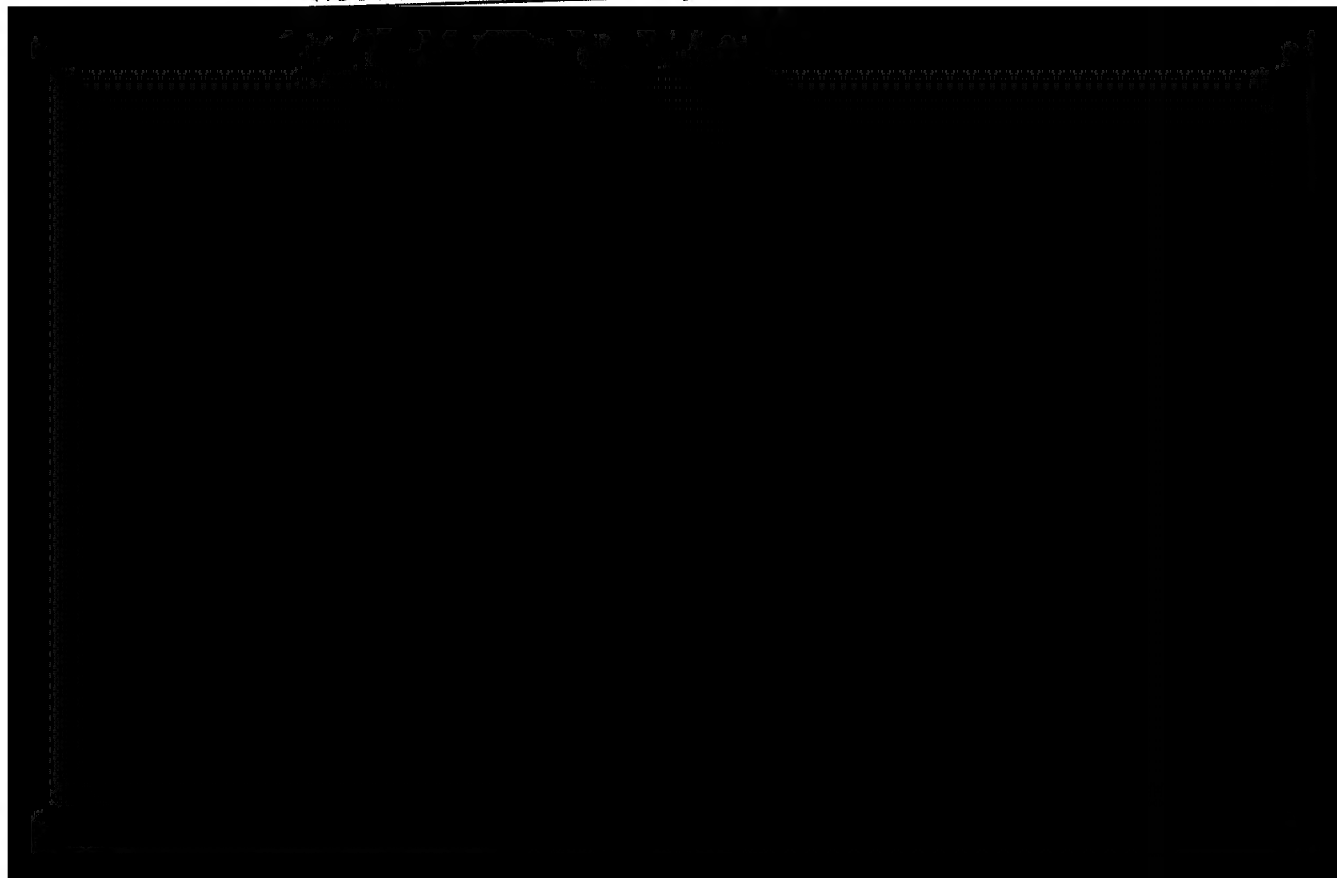
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-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-



-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE  
LAST COVERAGE --

SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1  
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2  
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE  
CHAPARRA SAM SITE  
SENADO SAM SITE  
CERCA DE PIEDRA, SUSPECT SAM SUPPORT AREA  
LA SIERRA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE  
PRESTON AIRFIELD  
CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD  
JAIME GONZALES AIRFIELD

2243N 08001W  
2239N 07951W  
2225N 07935W  
2107N 07626W  
2136N 07733W  
2004N 07551W  
2156N 08019W  
2044N 07539W  
2307N 08117W  
2209N 08025W

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25X1D EL JUCARO, MILITARY AREA 2051N 07543W  
LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08124W

PURIO, MILITARY AREA 2233N 07952W  
LAGUNA SIGUA, MILITARY AREA 1954N 07531W  
SIBONEY LANDING BEACH 1957N 07542W  
PLAYA YATERITAS LANDING BEACH 1958N 07457W  
MATANZAS LANDING BEACH 2301N 08126W  
VARADERO LANDING BEACH 2308N 08118W  
CIENFUEGOS LANDING BEACH 2202N 08036W  
MAR VERDE LANDING BEACH 1957N 07557W  
ENSENADA COLORADO LANDING BEACH 2202N 08025W  
NICARO LANDING BEACH 2042N 07533W  
LA ROSITA AREA, STORAGE INSTALLATION 2208N 08004W

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25X1D MANICARAGUA AREA, EXPLOSIVES STORAGE SITE 2206N 07958W

25X1D MATANZAS CITY, LA CUMBRE ALTA 2304N 08133W

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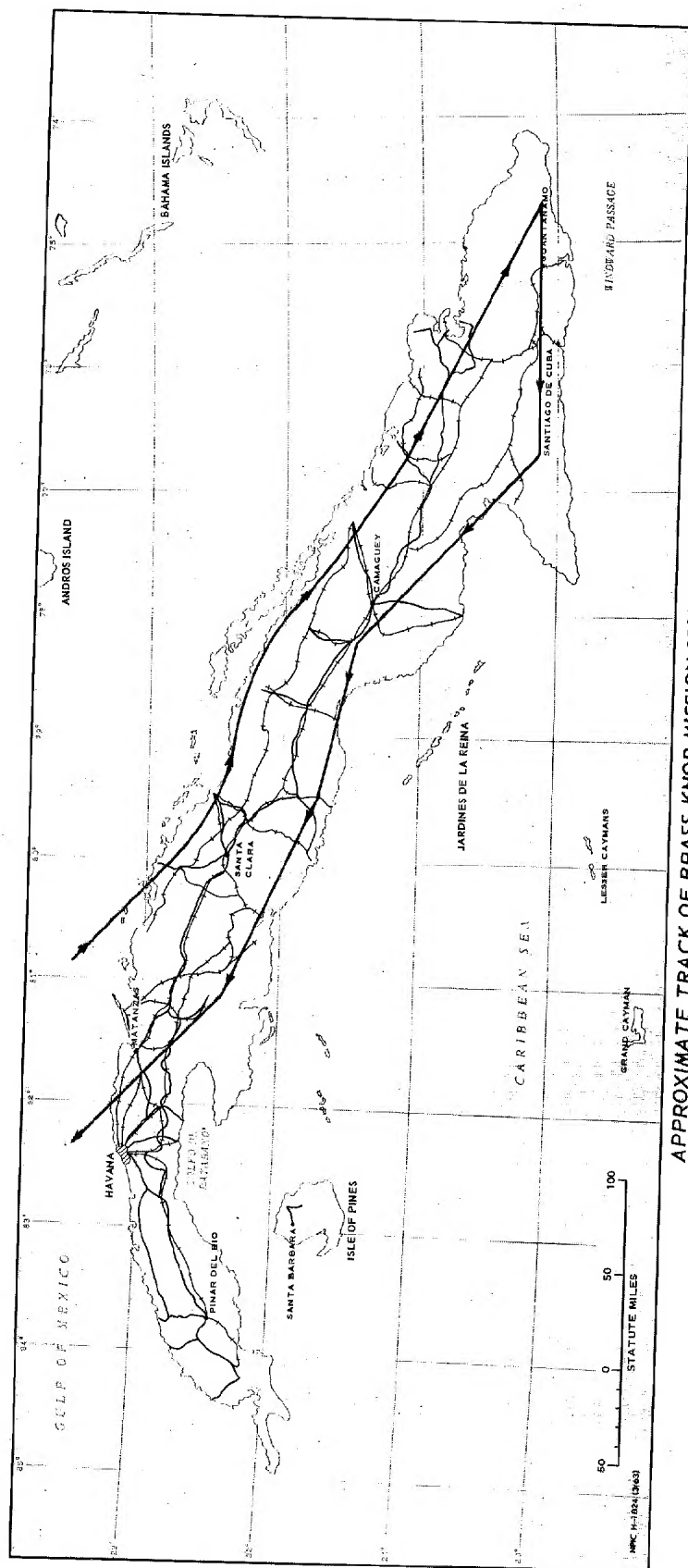
25X1D THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED --

JIGUANI SAM SITE 2021N 07620W  
HOLGUIN SAM SITE 2052N 07627W  
SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2309N 08156W  
REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W  
SAN GERMAN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2029N 07559W  
ALTO CEDRO, ARTILLERY TRAINING AREA 2029N 07600W  
SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W  
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY 2221N 07957W  
MADRUGA, POL STORAGE 2256N 08149W  
CASCAJAL, MILITARY AREA 2240N 08031W  
MAYARI ARRIBA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2029N 07530W  
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2224N 07953W

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